

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Events and Public Gatherings in Harrison County Kentucky

The following non-pharmaceutical intervention strategies are recommended for persons who live in Harrison County to prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Currently, there is no vaccine available to prevent coronavirus disease and CDC states that wearing a facemask will not protect the public from COVID-19. "The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure."

Personal Prevention Measures

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with fever, coughing, sneezing , and difficulty breathing. To avoid close contact, stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. To avoid coughing into your hands, you can cough into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for "at least 20 seconds", especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Community Prevention Measures

The following community prevention measures are recommended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 for Harrison County residents:

- Practice social distancing (6 feet away) and limit your participation in schools, meetings, worship services and other public gatherings.
- Implement environmental surface cleaning measures in homes, businesses, and other locations, including frequently touched surfaces and objects, i.e., tables, doorknobs, toys, desks, and computer keyboards. Use household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions.

People at Higher Risk for COVID-19 Complications

Adults over 60 and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease seem to be at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness. If you are at increased risk for COVID-19, it is especially important for you to take the following actions to reduce your risk of exposure:

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Make sure you have access to several weeks of medications and supplies in case you need to stay home for prolonged periods of time.
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact (6 feet away) and wash your hands often.
- Avoid crowds.

Additional information can be obtained at <https://www.facebook.com/WedcoHealth> and www.KYCOVID19.KY.GOV